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OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE  
BATTERY, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.